

REMARKS

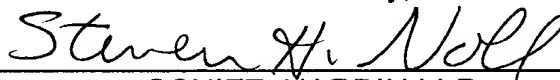
In the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, claims 1-4, 6 and 7 were rejected based on the prior art, and claim 5 was stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 5 has been embodied in claim 1, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 1 additionally has been editorially amended to state that the detector is disposed in the gantry facing the opening. The previous language stating that the detector is "disposed in said opening" may have been misinterpreted as requiring that the detector be physically located in the opening itself, which clearly is not the case as can be seen from Figure 1.

It is not clear whether the February 25, 2005 Office Action was intended to be final or non-final, since both boxes 2a and 2b were checked in the Office Action Summary. Nevertheless, Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further searching or consideration, and entry thereof is therefore proper, regardless of whether the action is final or non-final.

Early reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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